

CARES Act Funding Available for Women, Minority, Veteran Owned Businesses



The City of Rochester recently approved the investment of \$5.1M of the City's overall appropriation for the second phase of Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding. Currently, two programs have dollars available for locally owned businesses and designated funding for women, minority or veteran-owned businesses (WMVBE).



APPLY TODAY

Financial Assistance for Small Business Utility Expenses – Rochester Public Utilities (RPU)

Do you own a business that is an active RPU customer? You may be eligible to receive financial assistance for hardship you have experienced because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of the total amount of funds available, 20% is designated specifically for WMVBE businesses.

The deadline to submit an application is October 16, 2020.

Learn more by visiting rpu.org or by contacting RPU Customer Relations at 507-280-1500 or by email at RPUMarketing@rpu.org.

Economic Recovery License Grant Program – City Clerk's Office

Do you own a business that is licensed through the City of Rochester? These license types include Massage Therapy Businesses, Taxi Cab Franchises, Trade and Contractor Businesses (such as Sidewalk Contractors) and Liquor Businesses (Restaurants, Bars, Hotels etc.).

If you do, you are eligible to receive a grant in an effort to assist you through the challenging economic period that has arisen due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic shutdown.

WMBE businesses are eligible to receive up to \$250 more in grants funds on top of the identified amount. A WMVBE business that is also owned by a veteran can received up to \$500 more in grant funds on top of the identified amount.

The deadline to submit an application is August 28, 2020.

Learn more by visiting rochestermn.gov or by calling the License Examiner, Christiaan Cartwright at 507-328-2912 or by e-mail at ccartwright@rochestermn.gov.